

AMENDMENT

In the specification:

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 1, beginning with "The present application claims priority....", and replace it with the following paragraph:

The present application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number 09/707,121, filed on November 6, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/164,289 which was filed on November 8, 1999 and is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, entirely without prejudice and without disclaimer.

Please add new claims 4-8 as follows:

4. (New) A gene delivery system comprising an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1.

5. (New) The gene delivery system of claim 4, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule is present in a viral vector.

6. (New) The gene delivery system of claim 4, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule is present in a cationic lipid complex.

7. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

8. (New) An antibody having immunospecificity for a polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.